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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 9 and 26 February 1954, the barracks installation on the east side of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg, was still occupied by an estimated 600 artillery troops. Observed were about 6 x 152-mm guns, 12 x 100-mm AT guns, 10 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 12 x 45-mm AT guns, and 12 heavy and 15 medium tractors.

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A column which entered the installation from the direction of Windisch-Leuba on 24 February included ambulance  trucks  each towing a field kitchen, radio truck  and trucks

2. Between 9 and 26 February, the barracks installation on the west side of Leipziger Strasse quartered an estimated 600 to 700 artillery troops.  25X1
3. In the afternoon on 27 February, intensive loading activity was noticed in Altenburg. Observed were two trains of about 10 boxcars with troops and 25 to 30 gondola cars, each with a truck  25X1  
1 sedan, several field kitchens, 6 x 152-mm guns and, at least, 6 to 8 heavy tractors.
4. On 2 March, the barracks installations on either side of Leipziger Strasse seemed to be only lightly occupied. Not more than about 250 men were quartered in the installations. Trucks  were identified in the installation on the east side of Leipziger Strasse. 25X1

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Comment.  at 1:30 p.m. on 27 February, major artillery units passed through Zeitz toward Weissenfels from the direction of Altenburg, presumably to conduct a field exercise.

The present information on the loading in the afternoon on 27 February must, therefore, refer to other elements of the army artillery units which may have transferred to the same or another training area.

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